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REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-8, 16, 17 and 19-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freeman in view of Brown.

Claims 1, 4-8, 19, 20, 22-24 and 28 are not obvious. Neither Freeman nor Brown disclose the step of assembling a window glass before the step of assembling a door outer panel as claimed. Freeman discloses an intrusion beam structure 10 mounted in a vehicle door 12 including an inner panel 16 and an outer panel 24. Freeman does not disclose that a window glass is assembled before the outer panel 24 is assembled. Brown also does not disclose this feature. Brown discloses a vehicle body 10 including a door 20 having a door inner panel 22 and a door outer panel 24 hingedly mounted on a hinge pillar 16. Brown does not disclose that a window glass is assembled before the door outer panel 24 is assembled. Neither reference alone teaches this feature. Therefore, the combination of the references does not teach, suggest or disclose the claimed invention. The claimed invention is not obvious, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Additionally, claims 16, 17, 21 and 25-27 are not obvious. Neither reference teaches the step of painting an outer door panel before the step of fitting the outer door panel to an inner door panel. Freeman discloses an outer panel 24 of a vehicle door 12. However, it is not disclosed that the outer panel 24 is painted before the outer panel 24 is assembled. Brown also does not disclose this feature. Neither reference alone combination teaches painting an outer door panel before the outer door panel is fitted to an inner door panel as claimed. Therefore, the combination of these references does not disclose, suggest or teach the claimed invention.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown in view of Freeman and Herringshaw. Claim 4 depends on patentable independent claim 1 and is allowable for the reasons set forth above. The claimed invention is not obvious because none of the references alone or in combination teach, suggest or disclose the step of assembling a window glass before the step of assembling a door outer panel as claimed. Claim 4 is not obvious, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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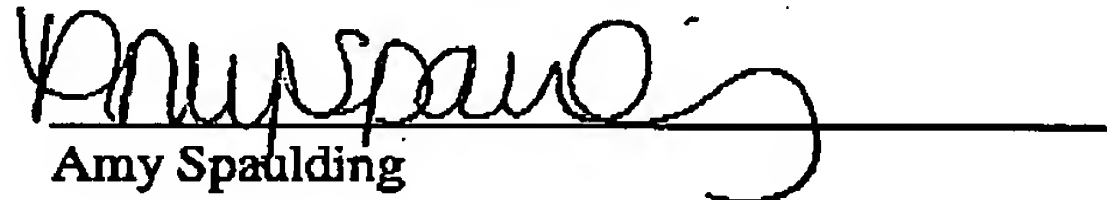


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